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CHILD VICTIMS ACT

More than 100 lawsuits filed, including 5 against active priests, and 1 dating to '48



Gary Astridge and Kevin Koscielniak embrace after having their sex abuse cases submitted. At 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, the 1-year window to file lawsuits opened for victims of child sex abuse who previously could not sue because the statute of limitations had run out.

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Most target church but Boy Scouts, teachers also accused

By JAY TOKASZ
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Lawyers on Wednesday filed more than 100 lawsuits in Western New York courts alleging child sex abuse by Catholic priests and nuns, Boy Scout leaders, teachers, a choir director, a neighbor and family members.

The vast majority of the lawsuits accused Buffalo Diocese priests of molesting children decades ago, including one case that dates back to 1948. Several priests were the subject of multiple accusations. Most of the priests identified in the lawsuits were deceased or already had been removed from public ministry due to abuse allegations.

But the filings also included the names of at least five priests still celebrating Masses, including the pastors of two suburban parishes who had not previously been accused.

One of the newly accused priests, the Rev. Paul M. Nogaro, pastor of St. Stephen Church on Grand Island, denied molesting anyone.

"I don't know who is accusing me, but I absolutely deny it because I have never done this to anyone in 48 years as a priest," Nogaro told The Buffalo News. "Even though the truth is on my side, this destroys my life. ... I don't think it is fair that someone can make an accusation like this against you without even using their name."

The other pastor, Monsignor Peter J. Popadick, of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church in Cheektowaga, declined to comment through the parish secretary.

The same unnamed plaintiff accused both Nogaro, 74, and Popadick, 74, as well as two other priests of abuse. Niagara Falls attorney Paul Barr, who filed the lawsuit, described the plaintiff as being in his 60s and from Erie County.

The cases began rolling in shortly after midnight, starting with Christopher Szuflika, 66, who alleged that the Rev. Joseph Friel repeatedly abused him in

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Abuse report to bishop got paperboy \$5 tip in '65

By JAY TOKASZ
NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Retired parole officer Angelo J. Ervolina said he first met Bishop James A. McNulty in 1965 on his newspaper route, which included the bishop's mansion on Oakland Place.

Ervolina said he proudly told the bishop he was heading soon on a trip to New York City with his parish pastor, Monsignor Michael J. Harrington.

But when the bishop asked him later about the trip, Ervolina wasn't so cheerful. Instead of telling McNulty about the sites he had visited, Ervolina said he revealed that Harrington had fondled him while he took a bath in



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Angelo Ervolina said Bishop James McNulty was on his paper route in 1965, and he told McNulty how he was abused by his pastor.

the hotel room he shared with the priest. Ervolina said he was about 10 years old at the time.

McNulty promised he would "take care of it," Ervolina recalled. The bishop then handed him a generous tip for delivering the newspaper: \$5 on a 55-cent subscription bill, he said.

As a boy, Ervolina said he assumed the bishop would take care of it. But in hindsight he believes McNulty dismissed his claim. Harrington spent 25 years as pastor of Immaculate Conception Church on Edward Street, retiring in 1985. The diocese didn't identify Harrington as a child molester until March 2018.

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Child Victims Act lawsuit filings continue

- Priests, teachers and a Jewish temple tutor accused: [Go to buffalonews.com/childvictimsact](https://buffalonews.com/childvictimsact) for Child Victims Act stories.
- The scandal began unraveling 18 months ago: [Coverage at buffalonews.com/clergysexabuse](https://buffalonews.com/clergysexabuse).

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UPSHOT

Global economy showing signs of trouble

Trade War only one part as inverted bond yield curve sends pessimistic signal

By NEIL IRWIN
NEW YORK TIMES

In a span of less than 24 hours, developments in Washington and Wall Street have sent a vivid message: The world is ambling toward an economic morass of the sort that no mere presidential tweet can fix.

On Tuesday, President Trump blinked in the trade war with China, retreating from previous plans

to apply tariffs to virtually all Chinese imports Sept. 1. The action ensures that American buyers of Chinese-made toys, smartphones and much more won't face tariff-boosted prices this holiday season. "Huzzah!" said the stock market. The trade war is deescalating! Christmas is saved! The S&P 500 rose 1.5%, to a level only about 3% below its record high July 29.

The bond market wasn't quite so buoyant. While longer-term Treasury yields rose, reflecting more optimism, the increase was

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Colvin Estates homeowners growing impatient over unfinished work, delays



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Colvin Estates homeowner Brett Barrett on his incomplete driveway and front yard, which the developer blames on a wet spring.

By JONATHAN D. EPSTEIN
NEWS BUSINESS REPORTER

When Brett Barrett's husband got a surgical residency in Buffalo, the couple left Chicago for the Colvin Estates neighborhood of North Buffalo. They closed in May on their new \$369,000 Marrano home and moved in about a month later, confident they wouldn't have to do a lot of work on it.

But as happy as they are with their three-bedroom home, they are dismayed that Marrano hasn't completed the exterior of the 1,800-square-foot house, including the paint job. There's also no finished driveway, sidewalks or lighting, and no guarantee on when that will get done.

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